

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people"  
—Dr. H. H. Ford

# The Northfield Press

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.

"Truth, justice, and the dignity of man depend on individuals with the courage and opportunity to express their opinions."  
—Lancelot Whyte

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## DR. J. W. BENNETT ELECTED TO VFW STATE POST AT PITTSFIELD CONVENTION

Dr. J. W. Bennett, Commander of both the Northfield Post 9874, VFW and the Franklin County Council VFW, was unanimously elected Department Surgeon for the Department of Massachusetts, VFW, at the recent VFW State convention in Pittsfield.

Dr. Bennett, a naval veteran of World War II, who served in the Pacific and in Europe, was first commander of the local VFW Post as well as the leading figure in the organization of the Northfield Post. He was reelected to the post of commander recently and was also named a trustee of the Northampton State Hospital by Gov. Paul A. Dever, a short time ago.

As Department Surgeon, Dr. Bennett will be the only representative from western Massachusetts in State VFW circles.

The Northfield Post, still less than a year old and one of the newest Posts in the state has made rapid strides in the past year as evidenced by the election of its commander to a State office.

Other delegates to the convention were: Robert Gings, Stanley Johnson, Tom Hurley and Dan O'Keefe.

Mrs. May O'Keefe, president of the local VFW Auxiliary represented that organization at the convention.

## BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

### A. A. Clips Jays

With Don Lilly holding the West Northfield Blue Jays to 4 hits and 1 run Northfield A. A. managed to score 5 runs on five hits and some loose fielding, and come out on top in a seven inning game last Wednesday.

The Summary:

Northfield A. A.	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
J. Holton, 2b	3	1	0	1	0	1	0
P. Holton, c	2	2	0	5	1	0	0
Mello, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wassleski, 1b	3	0	1	9	0	0	0
Shattuck, 3b	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Bilmon, f	3	0	1	2	0	0	0
Bezo, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shearer, 1t	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mankowsky, ss	3	0	2	2	2	0	0
Lilly, p	3	0	0	4	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Blue Jays	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Bassett, 2b	2	1	1	5	1	0	0
Lukow, 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
Martineau, ss	3	0	0	1	1	3	0
L. Randall, c, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gould, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunnell, 1b	3	0	1	7	2	1	0
Wozniak, rf, c	3	0	0	2	0	1	0
B. Randall, cf	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
C. Randall, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caron, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyons, p	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

RBI: Wassleski, 2; Bilmon, 1; Shearer, 1; BB, Lyons 5; Lilly 1; So, Lyons 3; Lilly 5. WP, Lyons; SH, Bezo; SB, J. Holton, Shattuck, Lukow. Time 1:46 Umpires, Gordon and Holton.

The Northfield A. A. is still circulating a so-called record which will be used as the basis of a "sovereign" at the 4th of July game on their home grounds behind the High School with the Warwick A. A. You can still get your name on the record if you get in touch with members of the Northfield A. A.

The following is a schedule of games booked by the A. A.: Friday, June 24, Montague City Blues away; Sunday, June 26, Winchester A. A. away; Wednesday, June 29, Sunderland Firemen, at Home, Friday, July 1, Greenfield DeMolay, away; Sunday, July 3, Millbrook Club of Springfield at Home, Monday, July 4, Warwick A. A. at Home, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, July 6, Montague City Blues at home.

All Sunday games begin at 2:30 and all week day games begin at 6:30.

## NEW ARRIVALS

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In Pittsfield General Hospital, on June 15, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, to Dr. and Mrs. Ansel B. True of Northfield.

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## Chester Gaida To Attend Boys' State

Chester T. Gaida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Gaida, and a junior at Northfield High School, has been chosen to attend "Boys State" under the sponsorship of the local Haven H. Spencer Post 179, A. L., at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

"Boys' State", an annual affair sponsored throughout the state by the American Legion, extends from June 24 to July 2 and will include a full and informative program devoted to familiarizing the more than 400 boys attending with the operation of the state government.

Included among the speakers will be high state officials as well as top American Legion department officers.

Sidney Given is chairman of the committee which includes Harold A. Breasmaster and Edgar J. Livingston.

## Town Topics

The following eighteen children were baptized at the Children's Day service in the Trinitarian Congregational Church on last Sunday: Virginia Brasor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Brasor; Carol Isabel Dreesly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dreesly; Susan Fletcher and Mark Fletcher, children of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fletcher; Robert Edward Gaines, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gaines; Kathryn Judd Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Goodwin; Gwendolyn Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Windom Holloway; Cheryl Ann Holton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Holton; Joseph Adelard Houle, Mary Louise Houle, and Arnold Lee Houle, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Houle; Gail Ann Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Huber; Linda Jean Lombard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lombard; Paul Roger Lyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Lyman; Gerald Thomas Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Reid; Jane Alice Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop W. Sanderson; Rita Ann Stacey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stacey; Daniel Russell Wilson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Wilson.

Mrs. Charles R. Brothwell of Bridgeport, Conn., and for many years a resident of Northfield died at the home of a granddaughter in Bridgeport on June 12. She was 98 at the time of her death and she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Reynolds of Binghamton, N. Y., five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The Congregational Church Women's Guild supper committee chairman met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Marshall Lanphear to make up committees for the coming year.

The P. T. A. executive committee held a meeting June 13, at the home of Mrs. Unton Hantunen to organize a ways and means committee for the coming year. It was voted at the May meeting to hold a food sale during the summer. Date and plans to be announced later.

## A "Little League" Formed in Town

George Casey, manager of the Northfield A. A. baseball team, has announced plans for a "Little League" Tournament Association.

This idea, new in Massachusetts, comes from other states in the nation and means the setting up of a baseball league for boys between the ages of 8 and 12 inclusive.

The entire system is patterned after the Major League idea and would be operated in similar fashion, with playing areas designated for small boys.

The league, comprised of 4 teams of local boys, will eventually be outfitted with uniforms, but for the time being equipment will be furnished by other local baseball teams.

Assisting Casey in this project will be Chick Caron, manager of the West Northfield Blue Jays, George Marshall and Eugene Miller.

The first practice and try-out session will be held on the baseball diamond behind the High School this Saturday, at 1:30 p. m.

All boys between the ages of 8 to 12 are invited to attend and tryout for positions on the teams.

## Gifts Distributed To Children of Camiers

According to a recent letter from the Mayor of Camiers, France, the 1000 lb. bulk shipment received in the village, from Northfield, was distributed to the needy families of Camiers while many of the gifts for children were passed out during their school-closing festivities.

The Mayor also reported that his committee is making a collection of books, magazines and newspapers which they are planning to send to Northfield for the school children and others participating in the adoption of the French village.

## Masons and OES Are Invited to Service

The Harmony Lodge of the Masons, and the Order of the Eastern Star, have been invited to attend the Sunday morning service at the Unitarian Church.

The regular service will begin at 11 a. m. June 26, and the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Richard G. Sechrist will be "This Is The Life." It is expected that both groups will attend in a body.

## Well Child Conference

A very successful Well Child Clinic was held at the Northfield Center School, June 20, 21 and 22 at which 58 children, between the ages of 6 months to pre-school age were examined by Dr. Edward T. Wallace of Children's Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Wallace is taking over the practice of Dr. Nadis while the latter is in Boston for further study this summer.

Mrs. G. Horst, State Nutritionist, was present for diet and menu problems.

The town nurse, Miss Barbara Mankowsky, was assisted by members of the Health Council.

## Amos Fortune Forum Begins Third Year

Speakers and topics for the Amos Fortune Forum series were announced here today by Prof. F. Alexander Magoun, chairman of the 1949 forum committee. Again this third year all speakers are summer residents of the Monadnock Region. This follows out the purpose of the forum as stated in its current folder, just published — "to take advantage of the fact that the region contains many widely known speakers on subjects of public interest and importance."

Held in the old meeting house at Jaffrey Center for eight consecutive Friday nights starting July 8, the forum is open to all people with no admission charge and no collections taken. The forum is named in honor of Amos Fortune, negro slave who earned his own freedom, establishing himself as a reputable craftsman and citizen of Jaffrey and who died and was buried in back of the old meeting house in 1801.

Dates, speakers and topics announced are as follows: July 8, Herbert F. Moore, research professor emeritus of engineering materials, University of Illinois and summer resident of Gilsun, subject, "An engineer looks at Religion"; July 15, Thomas H. Billings, author, lecturer and recently chaplain at Edgewood Park, Briarcliff Manor, New York, summer resident of Hancock, "A modest plea for a slight tincture of letters in education"; July 22, Nathan C. Starr, summer resident of Chesham, author, chairman of English and Theatre Arts Division, Rollins College, "An enduring king: Reflections on the vitality of King Arthur in the 20th century"; July 29, Theodore Ainsworth Greene, pastor of First Church of Christ, New Britain, Conn., and summer resident of Jaffrey, "What happened in Amsterdam in 1487"; August 5, Herbert B. Elliston, editor of the Washington Post and summer resident of Peterborough, "Aims and difficulties of our foreign policy"; August 12, Elizabeth S. Bixler, dean of Yale University School of Nursing, of Jaffrey, "Nursing: What's past is prologue"; August 19, Walter Seelye of Temple, head of Colby College Art Department, "Tradition and contemporary art"; August 26, Reuben L. Lurie, chairman of Boston's Ford Hall Forum, summer resident of Antrim, "Ordinary people in an extraordinary world."

Other members of the 1949 committee are Dr. Ernest Bernbaum, retired head of the English department of the University of Illinois; Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler, president of Colby College; Graham B. Blaine, vice-president of Bank of Manhattan; Philip M. Darling, Executive Secretary of the Monadnock Region Association; Dr. Paul Elmer, instructor in English, Northwestern University; and Dr. Theodore Ainsworth Greene.

## Town Topics

Miss Mildred Orr has moved into her home on Pine street.

## STATE CONVENTION OF RURAL LETTER CARRIERS TO MEET HERE FOR TWO DAYS

The Massachusetts Rural Letter Carriers' Association and Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its 46th annual convention at the Chateau and the

Northfield on June 25 and 26, with Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson as the principal guest.

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## Red Men To March In Greenfield Parade

Local members of the Picomogan Tribe of the Improved Order of Redmen, dressed in full regalia, will march in the parade in Greenfield, June 25.

The parade will be a part of the festivities marking the state convention of the Moose in session in Greenfield.

Lawrence Quinlan to be installed as Senior Sagamore has announced that he expects a good attendance of the more than 25 local members. They are to assemble at the Old Court House in Greenfield at 12:30 Saturday, June 25.

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### A Working Agreement

In the past weeks the PRESS has received considerable support and many contributions in the way of letters, columns and articles on various proposed projects. That is as it should be.

The opinions and suggestions given are not intended to be dictatorial nor fault-finding. They are the sincere expression of positive thinking, vision and faith: backed by experience and vitality.

The present generation does not consider itself "lost" as did the last one. Ours was a citizen army which used the crucible of war as a training ground for better citizenship. These young people are now settling in the small towns and cities of the nation, bring to each community enthusiasm, and the desire to make some contribution toward a better life for all. They are asking for the opportunity to use this experience, energy, and time where it will do the most good.

Many of them have been around long enough to observe that there has been no real attempt on the part of the older generation to seek the cooperation of the young people.

Now if I may address myself to the older generation:

When we ask a question about some matter of town government, it is not intended as prying into your private affairs. We are merely seeking information. We want to know more about how our community operates.

When we make a suggestion that you think impractical, don't lose your tempers and resort to name-calling! Let's sit down and talk it over. Maybe we can arrive at some working agreement.

When we propose some project which involves the expenditure of tax money, don't say "No, it can't be done." Say, "Show us how it can be made self-supporting."

The young people of Northfield want to become tax payers, and are working hard to find ways of bringing revenue into the town. We want homes, and jobs, and a respected place in the community. Most of all, we want the hand of friendship and cooperation extended toward us: the whole town will benefit by our working together.

Do You Know Massachusetts?  
(Compiled by State Planning board)

DO YOU KNOW THAT... There are more telephones in use in Massachusetts today than in the entire country of any foreign nation except the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany and possibly Russia... From the close of 1940 to May 31, 1949 the number of telephone instruments in the Commonwealth increased from 922,208 to 1,612,894, of which 1,069,927 were residential and 443,967 business... The Massachusetts total of phones is slightly more than in Sweden, a fourth more than in Japan, nearly three-fourths as many as in France and a third as many as in the whole United Kingdom... The town of Brookline has developed an arboretum of the shade trees along its streets. The 14,000 trees which line the 90 miles of streets include more than 40 different varieties, comprising not only the kind native to Massachusetts, but many imported specimens, the location of each being mapped for the convenience of arborists... Marriage records of eight leading cities in Massachusetts for the first four months of 1949 show a drop of 15% below the same period last year and 12% under the same four months' average during the five years 1941-1945... There were 907,928 passenger automobiles registered in Massachusetts during the first five months of this year, an increase of 58,908 over the same period a year ago... The Bridgewater Planning Board is preparing a comprehensive zoning by-law for submission to the voters.

## AS I SEE IT

In my column of June tenth, I tried to stress the fact that a local newspaper reflects the community which fosters it. The Northfield Press is the public expression of our Town. If it is not supported by the people of Northfield — as has been the case for years in the past — it reflects the type of community that the people are just satisfied to have.

In my opinion, the Northfield Press has greatly improved during the past year. The news items are much more interesting, even though many of the releases are read in the Greenfield Recorder-Gazette before the Press makes its weekly appearance. That scooping of Northfield news cannot be eliminated, but we are given fuller coverage by our local editor, when such news items finally make their way each Friday in the Press.

Besides the items of news and the usual Town Topics, there now appear three regular contributions by local columnists. This is an encouraging sign of a growing interest by individuals in trying to contribute something of general interest for community enlightenment. The recent letters of Dan O'Keefe were well written and contained real "meat for thought." Northfield needs a real trouble-shooter to awaken it out of its long Rip Van Winkle slumber.

Progress is a slow procedure even when a united effort is attempted to accomplish objectives. We of Northfield must start thinking about our community problems more often and more constantly consider long-range planning for our Town. WHY? IN ORDER FOR A BETTER NORTHFIELD TO EVOLVE! ALL life is a continual process of growth. Stagnation is an unhealthy condition.

During the first two years in Northfield, I tried to observe as much as possible. I had no voice or was unable to vote when I attended my first town meeting. Although I had heard much about the New England type of town government and how democratic the system purported to be, that first town meeting for me was really an eye opener. The date was February 1947. The business session was cut and dried and entirely conducted by a handful of people. For the life of me, I could not see real democracy in action. My contention is that the issues appearing on the agenda, as the articles in the Town Warrant would represent, should be thoroughly aired out in public forums and given complete coverage in the local paper before each town meeting. Then the voting on the articles has much more meaning; the voters are well informed.

Again I should like to stress the fact that we do need people to express publicly their opinions and present issues and our problems to us. The medium for such expression is the PRESS.

Danny O'Keefe, why not contribute your bit of trouble-shooting by giving your neighbors a regular weekly column in The Northfield PRESS?

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### Town Topics

Fifty ex-members of the Louise Andrews Camp returned to Northfield for the week end of June 18 for a reunion. They lived on campus with delegates to the Girls Conference; were entertained by Mrs. W. R. Moody on Saturday afternoon at the Homestead; and were given supper at the Salvation Army Camp Saturday evening. The Salvation Army Camp was the former Louise Andrews Camp.

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## BREEZE

by  
HAROLD A. BRIEPMASTER

**Young People Speak**  
Children and teenagers are enthusiastic about the prospect of a swimming pool in Northfield, according to information gathered by this columnist.

Taking advantage of the recent heat wave, this writer interviewed a number of Northfield young people and was impressed by their interest. I asked them the following questions:

1. Would you like to have a swimming pool in Northfield?

2. Do you expect that your parents will vote for a pool if the question comes up at a town meeting?

A compilation of the young people interviewed and their answers follows:

**Rosemary Mroczek**  
1. "Yes, because there's no place to go to now."  
2. "Well, I'd probably talk them into it."

**Janet Dean**  
1. "Yes, I would like a swimming pool."  
2. "I think so."

**Gary Casey**  
1. "Yes, because I like to swim."  
2. "Yes, they want a pool, too."

**Iris Whitney**  
1. "Yes, My brothers would like to have a pool in town also."  
2. "Yes, I'm sure my parents would be behind it."

**John True**  
1. "Yes, very much — so I can keep cool."  
2. "Uh-huh."

**Gary La Belle, age 5**  
1. "Yes."  
2. No answer.

**Janet Spencer**  
1. "Yes, very definitely, so that young people can learn to swim."  
2. "Yes, I know they are interested."

**Mary Ellen Barnes**  
1. "Sure."  
2. "Probably they would."

**Doug Pearsall**  
1. "Yes, because the other places are so muddy."  
2. "Yes, I think so."

**Donald Williams**  
1. "Sure."  
2. "I don't know."

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### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.

Saturday, June 25,

Cars leave church at 2 o'clock to go to Laurel Lake in Elving for the Church School picnic. Entire families invited. Each family to take a picnic supper. Watermelon served to all. Assistance with transportation will be appreciated.

Sunday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.: Worshipping at the antiochian on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls. Rev. Norman W. Paulin, D. D. will preach. Offering envelopes put on the plates there will be given to our church collector.

Monday, June 27, 8:00 p. m., Important business meeting of the church in the vestry.

July 13 through 22, Daily Vacation Church School. Friday, August 5.

Annual Summer Fair on the Day lawn for the benefit of the New Church Building Fund.

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Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.

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10:30 a. m., Service and Sermon, "The Worthwhile Life."

11:30 a. m., Sunday School.

7:00 p. m., Prayer and Praise.

Wednesday, June 29, Mid-Week Prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.



Gertrude C. Whitney

I wonder how many of us are getting the most benefit out of our radios — not only in news or entertainment, but in real useful information? I admit that at times it is difficult and well nigh impossible to tune in on anything but jangle and inane jokes on worn-out themes; one snaps off the raucous and silly voices in disgust and seeks solace in a book or magazine. I have certain programs I enjoy very much, but when I attempted to write a friend about one of them which was within her range, the answer came with unmistakable finality, "I never listen to the radio." I know that person is very busy, but she is also very musical and she is unconsciously shutting herself off from certain programs of high order which would lift her out of the humdrum.

I am thinking especially of the educational value of the radio, rightly used, not only in music, but books and science, as well as practical everyday matters. By tuning in between 6 and 7 a. m., one can get up-to-date information on general agriculture problems, such as spraying for the menacing insect pests and informing oneself of the current market prices. Just now the farmers are working hard to destroy the young grasshoppers, or "nymphs," before they denude their crops. Precautions against codling moths and curculio are also on the agenda in orchard spraying.

I accidentally tuned in on the "Impact of Science" Lowell Institute program in which six Greater Boston colleges are participating, heard every Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 7:30, over Station WBZ. Last Wednesday two geologists were holding forth: Prof. Kirtley Mather of Harvard and Prof. Fred K. Morris of M. I. T. It was a serious discussion on the food situation as it affects the entire world.

According to these scientists, our native Indian corn originated quite by accident 2000 years ago by the crossing of two native grasses cultivated elsewhere. It is known as maize. It was brought out that a number of other foodstuffs indigenous to certain parts of the globe, can be grown successfully in remote places, given the right conditions and the human intelligence to cultivate them. Tapioca, a native of the Andes, tea and rice, indigenous to China, not to mention the lowly "spud" (North America) were some of the products cited as being easily grown in other countries than their own, such as Japan, India, Ceylon and the Dutch East Indies. They said that the outlook for India was degrading poverty, but education of the citizens along agricultural (and other) lines would help; that the desideratum in all lines was freedom from fear and want. We should have free access to all the markets of the world and complete world cooperation in all essential matters. With the whole world looking to the United States for assistance, it has become a vast laboratory for scientific experiment. I shall be on the watch for this world-embracing program each Wednesday.

I too am trying experiments with plants not indigenous to New England soil; first, the sweet potato, which makes a very pretty window vine and will throw out tubers, now my avocado pear has burst out of its hard-shelled prison-house and is growing into a fine healthy sapling with remarkably pear-like leaves. My latest acquisition is a packet of genuine Edelweiss seeds from Bavaria with full directions "auf Deutsch" as to propagation and transplanting.

My son's wife writes, in part, from Bavaria: We visited the Wenden castle ruins near the Kramers mountain one day. To get there, we drove part way up the mountain and then walked a long way through the forest. We saw little evergreen trees growing on top of crumbling walls America seems so young! The woods here are almost the same as the pines behind our house (in Greenfield), with wild flowers everywhere. The flowers are not all the same, although we saw blueberry bushes, etc. One flower is a brilliant blue and Helene said it was one of their favorites, called encien, or some such thing. Helene is an Austrian so I think this flower must be Encien, named for an Austrian botanist of that name, although the American Encien is a white flower and is probably something quite different.

Speaking of being able to grow certain plants successfully on remote places, do you remember when there was such a shortage of red kidney beans, ordinarily grown in New York State? The reason was that the mature beans were being so alarmingly attacked by the bean weevil, that planting in New York was discontinued and clean new ground was found in California to assure a continuance of weevil-free stock. The young farmers from England who talked so intelligently of their crops and herds over WHAT were quite surprised to see so much tobacco under cultivation here in our valley. Mr. Noble, the leader, said he had always associated tobacco culture with the South.



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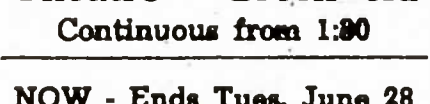
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## CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

The people who had perfect attendance in Grade 3 last month were: Edward Benney, David Billings, Janice Carpenter, G. Casey, James Dresser, Edmund Gravel, Jack Mann, Nelson Moore, Bradley Rogers, David Scoble, David Shine, Frank Stewart, John True, Robert Ware, Martha Ann Miller, Marilyn Porter and Alice Williams.

The boys in grade 4 had perfect attendance last week.

The Rinehart Writing Supervisor visited Center School and six rooms had gold seals with blue ribbons.

Sandra Anderson of Grade two has returned to Buckland.

Thursday morning the pupils of the Center School attended an assembly for a closing day program. Each teacher was in charge of some part of the opening exercises. Mrs. Stebbins sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Haack at the piano. Our final movie for entertainment was "Heidi" with two cartoons, "Old Mother Hubbard" and "Dick Whittingham's Cat".

In Mrs. Stebbins' room, Grade 2, Edward Doolittle was not absent or tardy for the whole year and John Black was not absent or tardy during the last half of the year.

Rachel Browning and Dorothy Given had a record of all one hundred in spelling for the whole year. On Friday afternoon, June 10, the sixth grade enjoyed a trip to the

Nelson Museum in Winchester, N. H., where they saw many birds and animals which they have studied about in science. Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Zabko, Mr. Hillier, Mr. Randall and Miss Braley furnished transportation.

Mary Ellen Barnes, Shirley Clough, Norman Dean, Marvin Holloway, Donald Williams, Richard Williams, Alice Wood and John Mankowsky have received their second reading certificates. Marie Clark has reported on twenty-six books and now has her honor certificates for twenty books and her fourth five book certificate.

The sixth grade honor roll for the final marking period consists of the names of Mary Ellen Barnes, Gene Beruba, Marie Clark, Norman Dean, Geraldine Durant, Donald Hillier, David Scott, Donald Williams and Richard Williams.

Those who have had the best attendance for the year in the sixth grade are Janice Randall and Wallis Black who have been absent one and one-half days each.

In the sixth grade spelling contest which started in September the team captained by Wallis Black had 190 perfect lessons while Miner Carpenter's team totaled 290. Though Geraldine Durant was the only one to get 100 in a fifty word test on the year's work, Alice Wood outstripped everyone with thirty-nine perfect lessons. Especially good spelling blanks and notebooks were kept by Mary Ellen Barnes, Marie Clark and David Scott and Geraldine Durant, Donald Hillier and Alice Wood had excellent spelling blanks.

The best science notebooks on "Beast, Bird and Fish" were made by Mary Ellen Barnes, Charlene Chamberlain, Marie Clark, Marvin Holloway, David Scott, Betty McIntire, Douglas Pearsall, Janice Randall and Irene Doolittle.

Charlene Chamberlain and Irene Doolittle had the largest collection of pressed wild flowers. Others who made very good collections were Florin Andrew, Wallis Black, Marie Clark, Geraldine Durant, Marvin Holloway, David Scott, Betty McIntire, Alice Wood, June

Moore, Janice Randall, Donald Williams and Richard Williams.

Norman Dean exhibited his collection of sea shells Tuesday.

In Grade 4 Ruth Clough missed only two days, Frances Given two and one-half days, while Fred Avery missed only three days.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Hillier umpired a baseball game between two chosen teams at Center School. The Maroons were: John Mankowsky, Ronald Zabko, Marvin Holloway, Geo. Mello, John Farris, Richard Wood Robert Farrar, Theodore Miller and Seth Parker. The Browns were: Ellsworth Black, Charles Jones, Donald Williams, Charles Repeta, William Smith, Joseph Fortier, Stanley Gaida, Ronald Griswold, William Jones. The bat-boy was Robert Helbig.

Cheerleaders were Wallis Black, Betty McIntire and Janice Randall. Scorekeepers were Marie Clark, Alice Wood and Geraldine Durant. All pupils and teachers in Center School attended and watched the game with much enthusiasm.

### HONOR ROLL

Grade 4  
High honors, Rita Gibson, Robert Helbig and Seth Parker; Honors, Alan Bolton, Ruth Clough, Beverly Dumbreck, Frances Given, David Hillier, Martha Parsons, Virginia Phelan and Judith Thompson.

Neither absent nor tardy for the year in Grade 4 are Beatrice Bassett and Roger Holloway.

Grade 5  
High honors, David Amaden, May Cook, David Martin, Ann Parker, Robert Scott, Andrew Sheldon; Honors, Nancy Mann.

The following have been neither absent nor tardy this year in grade 5: Eleanor Moon, Dorothy Stacey, David Amaden, Joseph Fortier and William Smith.

Nancy Buffum missed a day and a half, and Jean Fisher missed only one day.

The following have won awards: Ann Parker, for missing only one word in spelling lessons this year. Rachel Parsons had all spelling lessons perfectly with the exception of two. For Book Reports, Nancy Buffum

## THE OVERSEAS



A letter from Mrs. William Marshall June 13.

Dear Friends:

Well I couldn't have asked for a better trip. I just read in the paper that I had left for my long trip to Japan. Well, you tell Unto Hantunen that it was a short trip. I left May the 18th on a glorious morning and we could have landed May 29th but it was Sunday and the Japanese Union won't work and the 30th Army wouldn't unload so we just cruised at 4 or 5 knots an hour until we landed Tuesday morning. Our husbands looked mighty good to us standing on the dock with boxes, corsages, and toys for the children. I shall never forget

and May Cook tied for having the most.

Andrew Sheldon has read the most books during the year.

The Fifth grade had a trip to the Historical Society Museum in East Northfield on Tuesday afternoon.

Miner Carpenter has received his first reading certificate, and second reading certificates have been earned by Gene Beruba, Donald Hillier, Charles Jones, June Moore and Douglas Pearsall.

There have been four marking periods since September. The names of Mary Ellen Barnes, Marie Clark, and David Scott have been on the honor roll four times; Geraldine Durant and Donald Williams three times; Gene Beruba and Donald Hillier, twice; Arlen Sibley, Richard Williams and Alice Wood, once. Because of this nine of these children accompanied Miss Bradley to the Commencement exercises at the Northfield School for Girls at 11:00 o'clock Monday. Mary Ellen Barnes was not one of the number because she went with her parents that day to Hamilton, New York.

that day among the many happy days I have had since I left Northfield. The voyage was calm except 3 nights and 2 days.

Japan is so different from what I expected to see. The mountains are beautiful. I have never seen such beauty. The country land is very flat with women planting in rice fields, cutting wheat all by hand. Each day I see something new and interesting. When I got to Fukui a reception committee met me at the station. The Colonel with a big bouquet of flowers. Bill and I were riding in a Japanese train. You should see the heads sticking out of the windows. I found my house full of flowers. Bill had lots of surprises which made it especially exciting. It's grand to be here with him. On Friday the camp had dedication exercises as a camp. The Vice Governor, Mayor, high brass with their ladies were there. Yesterday we had the Mayor and his wife here for supper with an interpreter. They told me they felt right at home which made me feel easier. They presented me with a beautiful hand painted picture of flowers in a bamboo frame. One Friday we inspected silk mills. We ladies were given five yards of beautiful chiffon crepe at one mill, and a twelve yard piece at another

mill, all so beautifully tied up. I have been given beautiful glassware. I have two maids. I don't dare pass the sugar at the table. Baby-sun waits on table and is doing very well with meals. Mama-sun does the washing and cleans my clothes all beautifully ironed and put away mended. I never thought I would come to this! Friday the Mayor's wife is taking me on a tour of Fukui all day to visit nurseries, orphan homes and hospitals. I just love every bit of all I have seen (so far) I wish you could be here. I talked with Delphine (Durgin) on the phone. Keep well and have a nice summer. My love to all,

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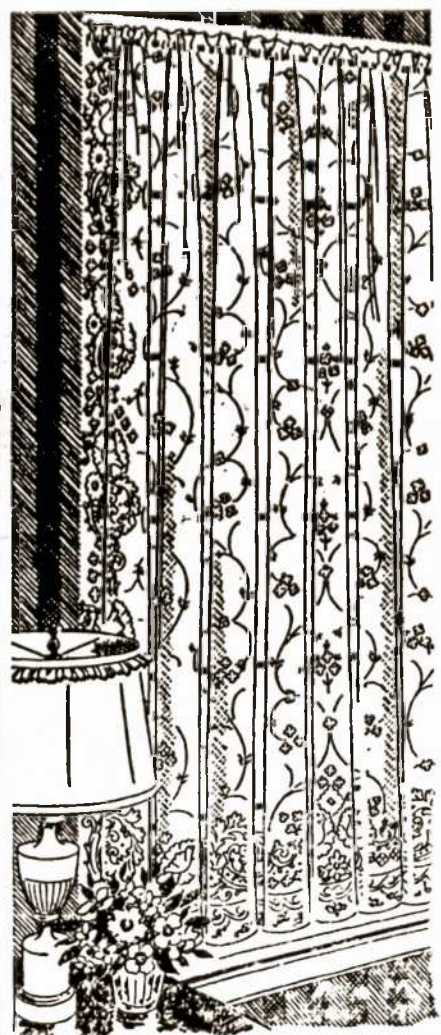
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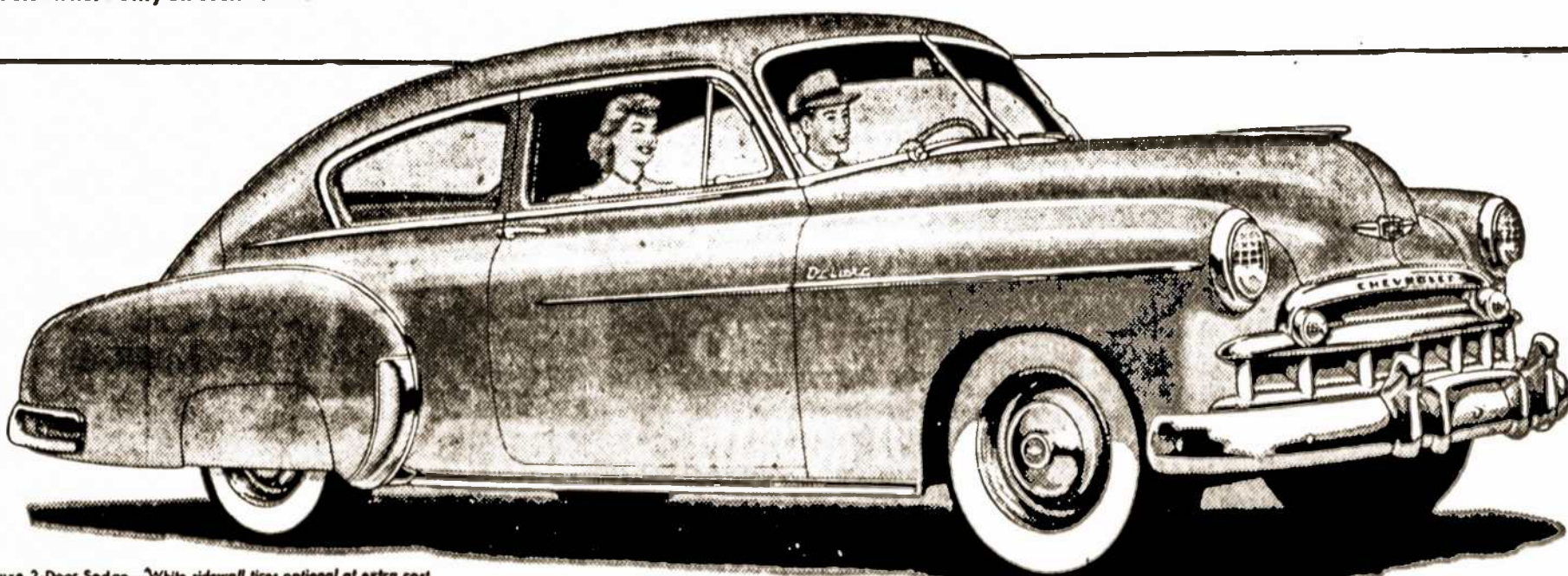
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